



THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 11, 1883.  
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The Financial Chronicle says that it is estimated that the country produced 440,000,000 bushels more of corn, 130,000,000 bushels more of wheat, and possibly 1,500,000 bales more of cotton in 1882 than in 1881.

As one of the results, the trade returns for November show that the exports for that month aggregated \$80,975,024, the largest amount for any one month since January, 1881. The increase was mainly due to cotton, breadstuffs not having started yet in large quantities.

The following from an exchange is a very pointed suggestion: "Among the other matters which should receive the attention of the new legislature, is the enactment of a more stringent law for the punishment of railroad employees guilty of carelessness in the management of trains. This is suggested by the blundering of a train dispatcher at Springfield, whereby a terrible collision occurred on the Wabash at Carpenter's few days ago, an engineer and a conductor lost their lives."

Wear the people of the South, as sensible in practice as they appear to be in theory that section of country would speedily secure great material prosperity. The Nashville American, much interested in awakening a spirit of enterprise, thinks a new era has already dawned, and that long-neglected advantages are being profitably improved. It very properly says that the time of social elevation at the cost of material degradation has passed by, and will suggest that some of them would hardly have the cheek to propose new schemes to their own cities, let alone setting themselves up as projectors of a revolution in rural affairs. They are premature to say the least.

The subject of improved public highways is not new to the rural districts by a long way.

Several years ago a number of articles on the subject, from different correspondents, were published in the Chicago papers and elsewhere in the State. But these correspondents did not go into spasms over the subject, and advise paving the public highways with hard brick or iron slabs, (made by a firm in Chicago), or saddling a common township with six per cent bonded indebtedness of \$144,000, as was advised by one of the participants of the Springfield meeting. They were cool-headed men who took a practical view of the matter; and the only feasible course suggested to their minds was to moderately grade the road beds, and thoroughly underdrain the same by tiling one or both sides. More especially was this idea intended for localities far removed from such material as is used in other States for road-making. From the suggestions in the articles mentioned, or, what is still more likely, from seeing the drying effects of tiling wanpy land, the road masters in several localities adopted the plan. The result has been that we now have passable roads the year round, where ten years ago scarcely anyone thought a road could ever be made. As these facts have become better known, and as individuals and road districts become more able for the work, like results will follow elsewhere; and in time we will have passable roads all over the state throughout the year, and part of the time the best high ways in the Union. And this will be done without the interference of Mayors: without a corps of civil engineers prauing through every township in Central Illinois, and better than all without curving any of our townships with bonded debts.

It is likely our present road laws need revision; if they do the supervisors and roadmasters of the different counties with such others as the rural districts might select, are the proper ones to take the matter in hand. Meanwhile, if the mayors and their coadjutors want to assist their country friends, there are ways by which they can do so without the least show of arrogance. If they will encourage less public and private extravagance among their own people, and lend their united wisdom and efforts in the suppression of crime and pauperism, born of inefficient municipal government, they will greatly benefit their country friends. There is not a city of any importance in the state so well governed but what room may be found for reforms that would eventually benefit the rural districts dependent upon it.

The Cullom men are not as cond-

ient as they were last week. The Governor has just as many friends as he had then, but their duty to the party deters members from voting to make a vacancy in the Gubernational office. His followers are doing their utmost to maintain his boom, but now they condescend to argue the point, and cite the case of Gov. Oglesby, who was elected Senator when he was Governor. The cases are not parallel, however, as Oglesby ran for Governor with an understanding in the party that he was to be elected to the Senate, and his election to the Gubernship was in fact an election to the Senatorship. He held the Gubernship only 12 days after he was sworn in and performed no executive act, and had no opportunity even had he been inclined, to use the office to himself or the Senatorship. Gen. Raum continues to receive his friends, and he has kept his men together so that he will make a decent show in the caucus and have no little influence there. The effort to crowd him out of the race by saying he had only nineteen votes has rallied his friends around his stand, and made him stronger with them than before. It is becoming evident that Gen. Raum is anxious to make friends everywhere. He chats with and tries to conciliate everybody, and it is intimated that he is more a candidate for governor in 1884 than for senator in 1883.

General Henderson will probably have twelve votes in the caucus, and they will stick to him. Gen. Rines will have a few votes—three or four perhaps. Congressman Payne's friends are quietly on the qui vive, waiting for something to turn up.

The matter will be brought before the present General Assembly, backed by an unusually large lobby; and it is safe to predict that if a majority of our legislators can be made to share the pro-vading spirit and projects of the Springfield meeting, we may expect the total overthrow of our existing road laws, and a cumbersome substitute fixed upon us; with a permanent board of civil engineers added upon each county; with as many additional state and county officers and "changers on" as the instigators of the new state of things have friends to provide for; with a way paved for designing men, in conjunction with men easily duped, to involve individual townships in irreparable ruin.

B. A. A.

Declarer, Jan. 10.

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TERMS.  
For week, payable to Carrier, ... \$15 Ch.  
One year, in advance, ..... \$7.00  
Six Months, ..... 3.50  
Three Months, ..... 1.75

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

LATEST style of silver-plated range at  
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co's.  
CALDWELL has the best hard coal in  
market. P. O. Block. 24dtf

THE REPUBLICAN Annals are out.  
In a few days the officers of the Decatur National Bank will be elected.

MISS JESSIE COUTHOUCI at the opera  
house Jan. 19th.  
See "Cheap Charley's" announcement  
in another column to the people of Decatur and vicinity.

The "oldest inhabitant" says yesterday  
was "one of the stormiest days he ever  
seed."

A PLENTIFUL stock of family groceries  
on sale at Niedermeyer's on the mound.

STATE GRANGE meeting in Decatur next  
week. Free lecture Tuesday night at the  
court house.

An elegant assortment of Silk Hand-  
kerchiefs at STINE'S. Dec. 22 tf

It is now known that Bishop Gephart  
will not be able to come to Decatur until  
Feb. 1st, on account of indisposition.  
The Bishop will preach at the United  
Brethren church.

The jubilee Singers—The Tennesseeans  
will sing at the tabernacle on the even-  
ing of Jan. 19th, a week from next Friday.

ALWAYS reliable—Schroeder's celebra-  
ted Bohemian cigars. Sold by all first-  
class dealers.

JUSTRICE CURTIS did not go to the opera  
house last night. He says it was too  
stormy an evening for him to venture out.

Order Decatur coal, NUE or Lump of  
Caldwell, P. O. Block. 24dtf

Below are the newly elected officers of  
the James Chapel Sunday School:

Superintendent—Thomas Peniwell.  
Assistant—F. Burkhardt.  
Secretary—Miss Lillian Shepherd.  
Treasurer—Miss Lillie Carter.  
Librarian—Harvey Baker.  
Organist—Miss Nora Radloff.

SILENTSMITH nickel smokers are those  
"American Eagle" cigars. Made by Joe  
Sutter.

THE other day a woman living near  
Bethany gave birth to four children, three  
boys and a girl. She died in conse-  
quent. The babies lived but a short time.

REMEMBER J. W. Tyler these days, and  
get horse blankets and lap robes at his  
store.

STUX Umbrellas at STINE'S. 22 tf

The Christian church at Harristown,  
of which Rev. G. M. Goode has been pasto-  
r for over six years, is out of debt. It  
has a large membership.

The Harrison Meeting:

Owing to the extreme cold weather last  
night, there were not more than 400 people  
in attendance at the revival services of  
the First M. E. church, but there were  
plenty of seekers nevertheless and several  
conversions. Rev. Harrison, without se-  
lecting a text, made a short exhortation,  
and was active in leading the singing. At  
the afternoon meeting yesterday eleven  
persons professed conversion. Thus far  
there have been nearly 650 conversions.  
The usual services will be held this after-  
noon and evening.

THE funeral of the late Prof. Goodman  
is in progress this afternoon as we go to  
press. The services are being conducted  
by Rev. D. P. Bunn. Members of the Decatur  
Guards, the Macon County Veteran  
Association and the old Concordia Club  
are present; also the Band in full uniform.

There are now 147 subscribers to the  
Decatur Telephone Exchange, as shown  
by the supplementary list issued to-day  
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### Deep Cultivation.

There are two conditions of soil which are not benefited by deep plowing; those are such as have a stone base, and those which are porous below. A sterile subsoil does not benefit the richer top soil by intermixing with it, and a porous subsoil does not need loosening. But a soil rich above, and poor and compacted below, may be much improved for withstanding the effects of severe droughts by subsoiling and loosening to some depth, to receive like a sponge the heavy rains which fall upon it, and to give out from this reservoir the needed moisture to growing crops when droughts prevail. We have seen some striking instances. A row of potatoes planted over a covered ditch yielded double the crop given from either of the adjacent rows, the quality of soil being the same; but the loosed earth over the ditch precluded the effects of the adjoining rows, which affected the adjoining rows. In the same way an advocate for manuring with electricity proved his theory, as he thought, by running a wire from a lightning rod under a row of beans, which very greatly increased in growth. The theory, however, was overthrown when it was found that the same increased growth was produced away from the wire by loosening the subsoil as much as was required for burying the wire. The great increase in the potato crop by thorough subsoiling was shown some years ago in a season of unusual dryness, a field of several acres, which yielded more than triple the amount per acre obtained in other fields which were planted after common shallow plowing, and the whole crop, being sold at seventy-five cents a bushel, gave over a hundred dollars from each acre.

Departure of Trains at Decatur Station:  
MICHIGAN LINE.  
GOING EAST.

No. 8, Through Express..... 7:00 a. m.  
" Atlantic Express..... 12:00 p. m.  
" Lightning Express..... 1:00 p. m.  
" " Accommodation..... 2:00 p. m.

The following freight train will carry passengers with tickets:

Going East..... 8:45 a. m.  
Going ..... 1:00 p. m.  
Going ..... 2:45 p. m.

The following freight train will carry passengers with tickets:

Going West..... 1:00 p. m.  
Going ..... 11:00 p. m.

Chicago Division.

On and after Sunday, May 15th, 1881, trains will run as follows on the Chicago Division of the W. St. L. & P. R. Co. by and for Belmont:

GOING EAST.

No. 48, Chicago Express..... 12:00 a. m.  
" Through Express..... 5:15 a. m.  
" Chicago Mail..... 12:15 p. m.

" " Accommodation..... 4:00 p. m.

" Through Express..... 7:45 p. m.

The following freight train will carry passengers with tickets on the St. Louis Division:

Going West..... 6:00 a. m.

Arrive from West..... 6:30 p. m.

Champaign Division.

GOING WEST.

No. 49, St. Louis Express..... 1:15 a. m.  
" Fast Line..... 5:15 a. m.  
" Decatur and St. Louis Accm. 6:00 a. m.  
" " " 45, Fast Mail..... 7:30 p. m.

The following freight train will carry passengers with tickets on the St. Louis Division:

Going West..... 6:00 a. m.

Arrive from West..... 20:00 p. m.

For Maps, Time Tables, Tickets and any particular information, call on:

J. C. HARRIS, Agent, St. L. & P. R. Co., TOWNSEND, Ill. G. A. PARKER, Agent, St. Louis.

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Peoria, Decatur & Evansville R. R.

Take this line for Burlington, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Galena, Davenport, Rock Island, La Salle, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, all points on the Great Lakes, and to the West, via Peoria in Union Depot, for all points in Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

GOING EAST.

Passenger..... 9:25 a. m.  
" Freight..... 10:45 a. m.  
Through Freight..... 2:35 p. m.

GOING WEST.

Passenger..... 6:55 a. m.  
" Freight..... 8:40 a. m.  
Through Freight..... 10:45 a. m.

G. L. HOWEY, W. S. NICHOLS, Freight Agent.

G. L. Bradbury, General Manager.

H. C. Parker, Traffic Manager.

S. M. Miller, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent.

—Country Contemps.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Decatur Station, Sept. 3, 1882.

Until further notice, trains on this line will leave Decatur twice daily.

GOING NORTH.

Passenger..... 6:00 a. m.  
Accommodation..... 8:45 a. m.  
Freight..... 4:30 p. m.

GOING SOUTH.

Passenger..... 10:30 a. m.  
Accommodation..... 1:30 p. m.  
Freight..... 5:30 p. m.

THROUGH FREIGHT.

G. L. HOWEY, W. S. NICHOLS, Freight Agent.

G. L. Bradbury, General Manager.

H. C. Parker, Traffic Manager.

S. M. Miller, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent.

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LEAVES DECATOR GOING EAST.

Mail and Express No. 22..... 12:15 p. m.  
Night Express No. 21..... 6:00 a. m.  
Local Freight..... 6:30 a. m.  
Mixed and Stock Train No. 3..... 5:30 p. m.

ARRIVE FROM INDIANAPOLIS.

Mail and Day Express No. 21..... 3:00 p. m.  
Night Express No. 22..... 7:30 p. m.

Through Freight and Mixed Train No. 20..... 6:30 a. m.

H. W. HENDERSON, Superintendent.

G. E. HENDERSON, Gen'l M'an.

Decatur, Ill., April 20, 1882.

ILLINOIS MIDLAND R. R.

On and after Monday, May 29, 1882, trains will arrive and depart as follows:

EAST.

Mail and Express..... 12:10 p. m.  
Local Freight arrives..... 5:30 p. m.  
Leaves..... 6:00 a. m.

WEST.

Mail and Express..... 12:25 p. m.  
Local Freight arrives..... 6:00 p. m.  
Leaves..... 6:00 a. m.

G. B. BUTLER, Agent.

D. H. CONKLIN, General Manager.

—Country Contemps.

CONDENSED TIME CARD.

LEAVES DECATOR GOING EAST.

Mail and Express No. 22..... 12:15 p. m.

Night Express No. 21..... 6:00 a. m.

Local Freight arrives..... 6:30 a. m.

Leaves..... 6:00 a. m.

W. E. TUCKER, Agent.

—Country Contemps.

LEAVES PEORIA GOING NORTH.

Passenger..... 6:00 a. m.

Accommodation..... 8:45 a. m.

Freight..... 4:30 p. m.

THROUGH FREIGHT.

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G. L. Bradbury, General Manager.

H. C. Parker, Traffic Manager.

S. M. Miller, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent.

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LEAVES PEORIA GOING SOUTH.

Passenger..... 10:30 a. m.

Accommodation..... 1:30 p. m.

Freight..... 5:30 p. m.

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G. L. Bradbury, General Manager.

H. C. Parker, Traffic Manager.

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LEAVES CHAMPAIGN GOING WEST.

Passenger..... 10:30 a. m.

Accommodation..... 1:30 p. m.

Freight..... 5:30 p. m.

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